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1) 又	Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14	4 November 2	005.					
, —	This action is <b>FINAL</b> . 2b) This action is non-final.							
3)	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is							
	closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.							
Dispositi	ion of Claims							
4)🖂	I)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1,2,4-11,15,28 and 29</u> is/are pending in the application.							
	4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.							
5)[	Claim(s) is/are allowed.							
6)🖂								
7)	Claim(s) is/are objected to.							
8)□	Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.							
Applicat	on Papers							
9)	The specification is objected to by the Exam	niner.						
10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.								
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).								
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).								
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.								
Priority ι	under 35 U.S.C. § 119							
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of:								
	1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.							
	2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No							
	3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage							
	application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).							
* 8	See the attached detailed Office action for a	list of the cert	fied copies not receive	ed.				
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	e of References Cited (PTO-892) te of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	1	4) Interview Summary Paper No(s)/Mail Da					
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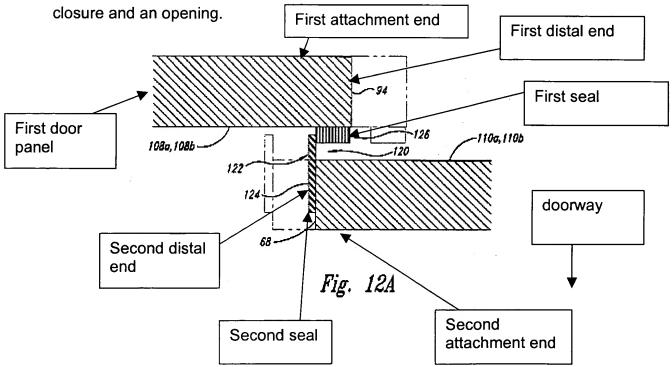
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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 7-11, 15, and 28-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Allen. As shown in Figures 10A, 10B or 12A, and 12B, Allen discloses a first door panel (108a) which translates along a tilted track between open and closed positions, a first seal (126) attached between an attachment end and a distal end, and a second seal (124, the corner end of the seal forms an L-shape along two surfaces) attached between a second attachment end and a distal end and having the same cross-sectional shape (both rectangular), wherein upon closing of the door panel (108a) the seals provide a compression with respect to each other to seal a gap between a



The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Allen in view of Clark. All of the elements of the instant invention are discussed in detail above except providing an actuation system for driving the door panel between an open and closed position. Clark discloses an actuation system, which drives a door panel laterally between an opened and closed position. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide a the door assembly of Allen with an actuation system as taught by Clark since an actuation system allows the doors to be automatically opened and closed.

The applicant's arguments have been considered but are not deemed persuasive. It appears that the applicant's arguments are more limiting than that of the claims. The rectangular seals as discussed in detail above having four sides whereby all four sides are "sealing surfaces" per se with one of them "facing" the doorway. The applicant argues that certain surfaces of the seal are either not sealing surfaces and/or

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are not spaced from the surface. As discussed in detail above, all four surfaces of the

rectangular seal above are "sealing surfaces" and at least one sealing surface faces the

surface and is spaced from the surface.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time

policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE

MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the

shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later

than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Jerry Redman

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**Primary Examiner**